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VAN DAMME et al.

Application No. 10/531,627

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The full consideration of the references in their entirety by the Examiner is respectfully requested and encouraged. Also, it is respectfully requested that the references be entered into the record of the present application and that the Examiner place his or her initials in the appropriate area on the enclosed Form 1449, thereby indicating the Examiner's consideration of each of the references.

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- Copies of U.S. patents and patent applications that are listed on the accompanying Form 1449 are not enclosed herewith. Copies of other references identified on the accompanying Form 1449 are enclosed herewith.
- Attached to each reference not in the English language is a concise explanation of the relevance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). An English-language equivalent/patent, or an English-language abstract, or an English-language version of the search report or action by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is being submitted in lieu of a concise explanation of the relevance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3).
- A copy of the international search report is enclosed herewith.
- The references listed on the enclosed Form 1449 were previously identified in the parent application(s) of the present application, and copies of the references were furnished at that time. Accordingly, additional copies of the references are not

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### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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AB	3,971,660			Staehle	Jul. 27, 1976	
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### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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AM	DE	40 07 428		A1	Hoechst AG	Sep. 12, 1991		+
AN	DE	40 27 301		A1	Hoechst AG	Mar. 5, 1992		+
AO	DE	44 17 907		A1	Hoechst AG	Nov. 23, 1995		+
AP	DE	44 23 104		A1	Hoechst AG	Jan. 4, 1996		+
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AT	EP	0 537 633		A1	Hoechst AG	Apr. 21, 1993		+
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BB	EP	1 072 432		A2	Fuji Photo Film Co. Ltd.	Jan. 31, 2001		
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			Yes	No**+
	B K	International Search Report for PCT/EP03/50664		
	B L	J. Colloid and Interface Sci.; Vol. 26; pages 62-69 (1968)		

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